

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 17-37 are allowed.

Claim 27 has been amended to correct an antecedent basis. The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments.

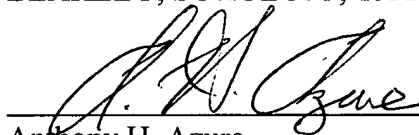
Charge Deposit Account

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any additional fee(s) that may be due in this matter, and please credit the same deposit account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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